

Christine Tran, Van Nguyen, Lam Lei, Wesley Bennett, Minh Bui, Ana Lopez, Justin Lai, Courtney Grimes, Grace Kim, Michael Cole, Adrian Ingalls, Tracie Thompson, Rustain Abedinzadch, Ryan Fox, Ryan Dawson, Bruce Lee, Henry Dao, and Richard Quach. The team was under the veteran leadership of coach Carolyn Carmichael, and Thompson Intermediate School Principal Greg Jones.

The finals were the culmination of hard work and rigorous training by the students. The Pasadena School District, the only Texas school district to compete, adopted the program in 1993 in order to motivate students and encourage academic achievement. After thirteen matches with the nine other district teams, Thompson went on to the National Competition with the strong support of all of their classmates. The students prepared for the competition in a separate National Academic League class. This advanced level class prepared the students for competition with a fast-paced and diversified curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Thompson Intermediate National Academic League Team have seen their dreams and hard work come to fruition as they have captured the National title. I applaud the hard work and diligence of these students, and wish them continued success in their studies.

TRIBUTE TO THE FULLER HAMLET
UNDER-11 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Sutton, Massachusetts in celebrating the success and triumph of the Fuller Hamlet Under-11 Girls Soccer Team. On Sunday, June 10, 2001 the girls won the Massachusetts State Championship by defeating Charles River United by the score of 1-0.

The achievement is impressive in itself, considering the fact that these young women were able to band together and earn an honorable achievement at such an early age. Attaining a championship is a feat that is cherished by all athletes, yet even at the professional level of sport not all are able to understand the exultation and excitement that these young women have just enjoyed. It is also worth mentioning that the Under-11 Girls team has joined the great tradition of winning, which has made the Fuller Harrilet organization a perennial force in girls soccer.

I would like to recognize the contributions of each individual who has taken part in such an exceptional accomplishment. The team was comprised of 17 players: Ashley Cubbedge, Erin Fleury, Brenna Flynn, Heather Gosnell, Karina Gregoire, Caitlin Lachowski, Marissa McCann, Robin Deschke, Rachel Norberg, Lauren O'Connor, Briana Paris, Melissa Stomski, Courtney Sturgis, Alexandra Tauras, Courtney Talcott, Nfichelle Cavaliene, and Suzanne Jensen. Recognition must also be extended to the head coach, Marc Bowden, whose prominence was clearly demonstrated by guiding these young ladies to the Under-11 Massachusetts State Championship.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge the outstanding young women

athletes of the Under-11 Fuller Hamlet Girls Soccer Team for a noteworthy season. I congratulate them, with great promise of future excellence, on their most exceptional accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HARRY
FORD, BRIAN FAHEY AND JOHN
DOWNING

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of 3 New York Firefighters, the bravest of the brave. This past Father's Day, Harry Ford, Brian Fahey and John Downing died in the service of New York. These men were prepared for and paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to save others. Far too often the courage and selflessness of firefighters go unnoticed and unrewarded. Unfortunately, it takes a tragic fire in Astoria, Queens, to remind us of just how important they are. Firefighters personify courage and all that we as a nation hold dear. My prayers are with their families and their fellow firefighters. They will be missed but not forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN L.
STOKESBERRY ON THE CELE-
BRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT
ON JUNE 21, 2001

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a distinct privilege to rise and pay tribute to one of my community's unsung heroes, Mr. John L. Stokesberry, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Alliance for Aging, Inc. His friends and admirers will honor him on June 21, 2001 at a retirement dinner in Miami, Florida in recognition of the longevity of his service to the elder citizens of Florida.

Mr. Stokesberry is truly one of the noblest public servants of my community. Having dedicated a major portion of his life to making the health care system work on behalf of Florida's senior citizens, he has been relentless in his development of innovative elderly service programs that responded to the crying needs of our community's seniors. His was indeed a crusade of love and commitment that maximized understanding and compassion for countless destitute families who severely lack the financial wherewithal to have their elder members' welfare move up through the labyrinth of the bureaucracy.

Under his leadership many lives have been saved and countless families have been rendered whole because of his dedication to create accessibility to affordable elderly health care and welfare services. He was virtually the lone voice in the wilderness in exposing his righteous indignation over the hopelessness of countless senior citizens who through the various crises of poverty rendered them helpless before obtaining affordable quality health care and welfare services for them.

Furthermore, he has been forthright and forceful in advocating the early recognition of the problems affecting the elderly population of our state. Under his tutelage, the Alliance for Aging, Inc. and other ancillary centers on aging and development disabilities have been established to provide outreach programs in various segments of our community. Together they have initiated educational programs for its elderly population long before the crisis was recognized, and federal, state and local funding became available. His knowledge of and sensitivity to Florida's seniors knew no bounds, and he was likewise untiring in seeking the appropriate elderly care guidance for them.

In various articles on his role in facilitating upgraded quality service to our elderly population, Mr. Stokesberry was genuinely lauded as an elderly care provider par excellence who has shown courageous leadership and extraordinary vision, forcefully insisting that high quality services must be provided on behalf of our nation's burgeoning senior citizens population and must be constantly upgraded with constant community input and collaboration.

The consecration of his life serves as an example of how much difference a committed crusader like him can truly make on behalf of the less fortunate. Almost singlehandedly he has championed a career-long commitment to affordable quality senior care service for nearly three decades.

In his stint as State Director of the Florida Office of Aging and Adult Services and on to his leadership role at the Alliance for Aging, Inc., Mr. Stokesberry ensured the provision of high quality, accessible senior care to the elderly population in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. During those harrowing times of cutbacks in health and social services funding for seniors at the federal, state and local levels, his innovative and uncompromising commitment enabled his office to maintain its critical role, while leading efforts to ensure that program effectiveness and a caring approach were not compromised.

Mr. Stokesberry truly represents an exemplary community servant who abides by the dictum that those who have less in life through no fault of their own should somehow be lifted up by those who have been blessed with life's greater amenities. As a gadfly among Miami-Dade County's and the nation's elderly care professionals, he is wont to prod his colleagues toward ensuring that both political and bureaucratic leadership must find a way to develop programs in and of the community, despite the risks.

As one of those hardy spirits who chose to reach out to senior citizens from various segments of our community, Mr. Stokesberry thoroughly understood the accouterments of power and leadership. He wisely exercised them, alongside the mandate of his conviction and the wisdom of his knowledge. The crucial role he played all these years in developing affordable quality care for our seniors evokes a genuine humility as he is wont to say that "... the accolades are not important. What is important is that my community receive the recognition of its strength amidst its diversity, and get the help for the disproportionate share of the problems our senior citizens confront everyday."

It is indeed an honor for me to have had the privilege of knowing this gentle and caring man. His word has been his bond to those

who dealt with him, not only in moments of triumphal exuberance in helping many of our elderly turn their lives around, but also in his resilient quest to transform Miami-Dade County into a veritable loving community.

Tonight's tribute is genuinely deserved! I salute Mr. John L. Stokesberry, a very dear friend, on behalf of a grateful community that he truly loved and cared for. I bid him now Godspeed on a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSTON FAMILY REUNION

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "26th Annual Houston Family Reunion." In 1975, the children of Butler H. and Ida Bell Houston organized the very first "Houston Family Reunion." This annual week-long celebration culminates each year on Independence Day, July 4th. This year the Houston Family will meet in Houston, Texas, at the Westchase Hilton and Towers.

The Houston family's roots sprout from the small town of Plant City, Florida. This year, more than seven generations of Houston descendants will travel to Texas from as far away as Illinois, California, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Arizona, Georgia, and the District of Columbia. There are no obstacles too large or distances too far, to separate this family on the event of their annual family reunion.

The Houston family is a very distinguished group of people. Among them are several professionals; doctors, lawyers, accountants, and educators. The values of honor, integrity and education are deeply instilled in the Houston family. They place a strong emphasis on the importance of community involvement; hence, their involvement in the many Christian organizations in Houston.

This year's reunion will highlight the current matriarch of the Houston family, Theodosia (Aunt Louvenia) Houston Knighten. Theodosia is the oldest living child of Butler H. and Ida Bell Houston. During this year's festivities, Dr. Joe Reed, Sr., the family's historian, will present an in-depth look at the family's ancestry.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend this year's reunion; however, I extend my best wishes for a fun and memorable event. I also wish them continued success in future celebrations.

IN HONOR OF DR. THEODORE J.
CASTELE, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate a great man, Dr. Theodore J. Castele, on his achievement of the 2001 West Side Ecumenical Ministry's Lamplighter Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Castele, the first television news doctor in the country, has served the Cleveland and

global community in many different capacities. He is most known for almost a "billion video house calls" where he discussed everything from the latest medical breakthroughs to the cure for a common cold.

His professional duties led him much further than television. Dr. Castele is also affiliated with Case Western Reserve University where he has been Interim Associate Dean of Development and Alumni Affairs, and is now Chairman of the Dean's Technology Council. Since 1961, Dr. Castele has taught medical and surgical interns at Lutheran Hospital and recently he began teaching at Fairview Hospital. His love of medicine and his true desire to help people in need have boosted his professional career to astounding heights.

However, Dr. Castele is not only active in the medical community. He has contributed thousands of hours to countless community organizations including The Humility of Mary Health Care System, the Health Museum of Cleveland, The Boy Scouts of America, and many others. He was recently recognized by the American Medical Association for his outstanding contributions to the community and was also named "Outstanding Man of the Year" by the Eagle Scout Association of Greater Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Theodore Castele for a lifetime of dedicated service. Dr. Castele has remained active in the medical and local community his entire life. His love has touched so many in Cleveland. I am proud to have such a dedicated community leader in my district and wish him the best of luck in the future.

HONORING MATT PATRICK

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Matt Patrick, former Executive Director of the Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP). After having served the people of Boulder for nearly six years, Matt has left BCAP to become Program Officer for the Gill Foundation, based in Denver. With him serving as director, BCAP experienced an evolution of philosophy.

Under Matt's guidance, the BCAP budget doubled to nearly \$1 million and the staff grew by 50 percent. Importantly, during his time as Executive Director, BCAP expanded its outreach programs to target the workplace as well as Latino/a communities. Further, BCAP was selected as the best non-profit in Boulder County three times under Matt's direction and received numerous other awards.

Matt was also instrumental in the evolution of BCAP as a multiculturally proficient organization. As Executive Director, Matt incorporated policies and procedures to enhance the diverse nature of BCAP. Now there is multicultural training, a diversity coordinator and an agency wide multicultural staff.

During his tenure with BCAP, Matt and his staff gave much thought as to whom the agency's clients were—whom it was BCAP should be serving. According to Matt, "To me the reality of our mission is twofold—to serve people living with HIV and to slow the spread of HIV infection in the community." Simply consid-

ering those infected with HIV as clients of BCAP was not enough for Matt; it was only half the mission. In fact, in the year 2000, BCAP had 35,000 educational contacts as where six years ago this number was around 10,000.

By expanding educational and outreach programs, Matt Patrick served his community, the community of Boulder, Colorado as few have. I recognize his service and pay him honor.

HONORING PASTOR FREDDIE GARCIA

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Freddie Garcia for his hard work and contributions made throughout Texas, New Mexico, California, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, and Puerto Rico. Pastor Garcia's hard work and commitment to God has improved and affected many lives.

Pastor Freddie Garcia was born June 10th, 1938 in San Antonio, Texas. Growing up, Pastor Garcia faced many difficult situations; his largest obstacle was drug addiction. Pastor Garcia overcame his addiction to drugs upon finding and devoting his life to God. In June 1966, Pastor Freddie Garcia married his wife Ninfa. The two have been happily married and are committed to a life with God.

Pastor Garcia graduated from the Latin American Bible Institute in California in 1970. In 1972, Pastor Freddie Garcia and Ninfa founded Victory Fellowship Outreach. The program provides teachings on issues such as: family, education, discipline, the church, and community while also focusing on individuals in need of reconciliation and rehabilitation. Victory Fellowship Outreach has cured over 13,000 people from drug addiction.

Within Victory Fellowship Outreach there are many other ministries that reach out to help troubled individuals. The Victory Home-Christian Rehabilitation Center is open 24 hours and located in drug infested areas of San Antonio. The Center feeds and houses women and men in need of shelter and healing from life-controlling addictions. The Center has expanded across the United States and abroad. The Victory Leadership Academy has a two-year curriculum designed to equip workers with the skills necessary to run Christian rehabilitation centers. These centers also exist across the United States and throughout the world. Campus Outreach is a Youth Task Force comprised of former gang members who confront and challenge both junior high and high school students with lectures, discussion panels, classroom participation, and one on one interaction to discuss the evils of gangs and drugs. Victory Fellowship Outreach also offers Drop-In Centers which are located within housing projects offering emergency housing for troubled individuals and Jail and Prison Ministries which provide inmates with personal visits and Bible Correspondence Courses.

In 1988, Pastor Freddie Garcia published *Outcry in the Barrio*, an autobiography. In 1990 former President Bush presented him with the Achievement Against the Odds Award.